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War Department,
Vicksburg National Military Park Commission,
*Vicksburg, Miss., July 10, 1915.*

Sir: The commission has the honor to submit its report for the iscal year ended June 30, 1915.

### PARK AREA.

Cost of forty-nine one-hundredths acre (part of city lot) paid or during year, $900; area, 1,324.27 acres; cost per acre, $47.29. Expenditure by United States under this head from the first, 66,511.53 (includes cost of conveyancing).

### CARE OF PARK AREA.

Maintenance cost during year, $7,756. Expenditure by United tates under this head (formerly clearing land) from the first, 34,279.93.

### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Length of finished roadway, including bridges, 31.86 miles; cost er mile, exclusive of bridges, $12,923.05; cost of bridges, $116,449. aintenance cost during year, $2,851.11. Expenditure by United tates under this head from the first, $574,065.50.

### TABLETS AND GUIDEBOARDS.

Exclusive of 122 iron guideboards, 898 tablets are in place (897 United States, 1 as a gift); 31 bronze, 867 iron (569 Union, 329 onfederate); 163 historical, 197 battery, 227 Union trench-marker, 1 Confederate trench-marker, 136 Union approach-marker, 19 adquarters, 5 mortuary. Maintenance cost during year, $831.74. xpenditure by United States under this head from the first, $1,019.18.

### CANNON AND GUN CARRIAGES.

One hundred and twenty-eight guns have been mounted (114 ld, 14 siege); 66 Union, 62 Confederate. No maintenance cost ring year. Expenditure by United States under this head from e first, $20,237.60.

### OBSERVATION TOWERS.

Three have been erected, and no more are needed. No maintenance st during year. Expenditure by United States under this head m the first, $27,634.

### MEMORIALS, MONUMENTS, AND MARKERS.

The commission contracted for 9 bronze portrait busts with granite pedestals (5 Union, 4 Confederate) at a cost of $7,243, for 15 bronze portrait tablets (reliefs) with granite pedestals (12 Union, 3 Confederate) at a cost of $6,069, and for 3 bronze inscribed tablets with granite pedestals (markers), 2 Union-Confederate, 1 Union, at a cost to the no-year appropriation of $400. One memorial bust has been placed (Brig. Gen. S. G. Burbridge, United States Volunteers, given by his children), and 1 is under contract as a gift. Including the 31 bronze portraits with granite pedestals that are gifts, 584 memorials, monuments, and markers are in place or under contract (3 Union-Confederate, 485 Union, 96 Confederate)—97 by United States at a cost of $206,558.35 (1 Union naval monument with 4 bronze portrait statues, $144,041; 47 bronze portrait busts with granite pedestals, $42,026.30; 46 bronze portrait tablets (reliefs) with granite pedestals, $20,091.05; 3 markers (2 Union-Confederate, 1 Union), $400); 428 by States (1 Union-Confederate—Missouri State memorial—403 Union, 24 Confederate); and 59 as gifts at a cost of $70,563.30 (24 Union, 35 Confederate). Expenditure by United States under this head: During year, $21,552.87; from the first, $241,791.51.

### MEMORIAL BRONZE PORTRAITS OF OFFICERS.

Exclusive of 4 statues at the Union naval monument, and included in its cost, 132 are in place or under contract (81 Union, 51 Confederate)—93 by United States (56 Union, 37 Confederate), 8 (reliefs) by States (Pennsylvania 5, Wisconsin 3), and 31 as gifts (17 Union, 14 Confederate), at a cost of $65,027.85.

### STATE MEMORIALS.

Eleven have been erected and one (Michigan) is under contract—Illinois: Organizations, 78; appropriation, $285,000; cost of memorial, $200,000. Iowa: Organizations, 32; appropriation, $150,000; cost of memorial, $100,000. Massachusetts: Organizations, 3; appropriation, $5,000; cost of memorial, $5,000. Michigan: Organizations, 9; appropriation, $20,000; cost of memorial, $20,000. Minnesota: Organizations, 4; appropriation, $25,500; cost of memorial, $25,000. Mississippi: Organizations, 41; appropriation, $50,931; cost of memorial, $45,000. Missouri: Organizations, 42 (27 Union, 15 Confederate); appropriation, $50,000; cost of memorial (Union-Confederate), $40,000. New Hampshire: Organizations, 3; appropriation, $5,000; cost of memorial, $5,000. New York: Organizations, 4; appropriation, $12,500; cost of memorial, $12,000. Pennsylvania: Organizations, 5; appropriation, $15,000; cost of memorial, $15,000. Rhode Island: Organization, 1; appropriation, $5,000; cost of memorial, $5,000. Wisconsin: Organizations, 17; appropriation, $130,000; cost of memorial, $100,000.

### APPROPRIATIONS MADE FROM THE FIRST.

By United States, $1,385,200; by 15 States, $872,931 (includes Alabama, 19 organizations, appropriation authorized $25,000, no expenditure, State memorial and 3 monuments desired; Indiana, 28 organi

zations, appropriation $38,000, for monuments and markers in place; Ohio, 39 organizations, appropriation $56,000, for monuments and markers in place). Maryland and Virginia were each represented on this battlefield by one Confederate battery and their monuments are in place, as a gift in each case. By act of the general assembly of the State the Illinois-Vicksburg Park Statue Commission (five members appointed by the governor) has been created and directed to contract for and erect in this park an equestrian statue of Gen. U. S. Grant and statues of other Illinois officers (corps and division commanders), at an aggregate cost not to exceed $50,000; $25,000 appropriated by the act.

### APPROPRIATIONS DESIRED.

By United States, for a Confederate naval monument at the approved site and at a cost not to exceed $150,000; by Arkansas (15 organizations), for a State memorial, 4 monuments, and 1 marker; by Florida (3 organizations), for a State memorial; by Georgia (21 organizations), for a State memorial and 3 monuments; by Indiana, for a State memorial; by Kansas (1 organization), for a State memorial; by Kentucky (12 organizations, 4 Union and 8 Confederate), for a State memorial (Union-Confederate), 2 monuments (1 Union, 1 Confederate) and 5 markers (Union); by Louisiana (41 organizations), for a State memorial (all monuments and 7 relief portraits of officers in place as gifts); by North Carolina (3 organizations), for a State memorial; by Ohio, for a State memorial and statues of Gens. J. B. McPherson and W. T. Sherman; by Pennsylvania, for a statue of Gen. J. G. Parke; by South Carolina (12 organizations), for a State memorial; by Tennessee (29 organizations), for a State memorial and 1 monument (3 monuments in place as gifts); by Texas (15 organizations), for a State memorial and 2 monuments (1 monument in place as a gift); by Virginia, for an equestrian statue of Gen. J. E. Johnston; by West Virginia (1 organization), for a State memorial and 4 markers; and by Wisconsin, for a statue of Gen. C. C. Washburn.

Receipts and expenditures were as follows:

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| Receipts: | |
| Balance July 1, 1914, no year appropriation | $9,256.99 |
| Expenditures: | |
| From balance of July 1, 1914, no year appropriation— | |
| One June, 1914, account (books, stationery, etc.) | 3.00 |
| Items on one June, 1914, pay roll | 368.42 |
| Bronze portrait busts, as per contracts | 2,385.00 |
| Horace M. Marshall, tract of land | 900.00 |
| Three bronze tablets, with granite pedestals (markers) | 400.00 |
| Travel, Assistant Secretary of War, park inspection | 22.81 |
| Public Printer | 3.48 |
| Total expenditures from no year appropriation | 4,082.71 |
| Outstanding obligations— | |
| Payment to be made on Gen. Forney statue | 1,000.00 |
| Possible retaining wall, as per W. D. 13507/24 | 520.00 |
| One June, 1915, account (Jordan Wynn, hauling gravel) | 86.57 |
| Total outstanding obligations, no year appropriation | 1,606.57 |
| Balance available July 1, 1915, no year appropriation | 3,567.71 |

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| Receipts: | |
| Balance July 1, 1914, 1914 appropriation | $13,783.49 |
| Expenditures: | |
| From balance of July 1, 1914, 1914 appropriation— | |
| June, 1914, pay rolls and accounts | 2,192.24 |
| Bronze portraits and granite pedestals, as per contracts | 8,099.50 |
| Two iron tablets | 50.00 |
| Total expenditures from 1914 appropriation | 10,341.74 |
| Outstanding obligations— | |
| Bronze portraits, as per contracts | 3,441.75 |
| Total outstanding obligations, 1914 appropriation | 3,441.75 |
| Balance available July 1, 1915, 1914 appropriation | None. |
| Receipts: | |
| Appropriation for fiscal year 1915 | 42,200.00 |
| Expenditures: | |
| Salaries of commissioners | 9,900.00 |
| Salary of engineer | 1,925.00 |
| Pay of artisans, foremen, laborers, messenger, and teams | 13,246.26 |
| Rent of office ($90) and office supplies ($222.93) | 312.93 |
| Cement, crushed stone, gravel, and sand | 785.40 |
| Lumber, hardware, paint, tools, and repairs | 495.90 |
| Memorial bronze portraits and granite pedestals | 6,599.50 |
| Total expenditures from 1915 appropriation | 33,264.99 |
| Outstanding obligations— | |
| June, 1915, pay rolls and accounts | 2,222.51 |
| Bronze portraits, as per contracts | 6,712.50 |
| Total outstanding obligations, 1915 appropriation | 8,935.01 |
| Balance available July 1, 1915, 1915 appropriation | None. |

RECAPITULATION.

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| Receipts: | |
| Balance July 1, 1914, no year appropriation | $9,256.99 |
| Balance July 1, 1914, 1914 appropriation | 13,783.49 |
| Appropriation for fiscal year 1915 | 42,200.00 |
| Total receipts | 65,240.48 |
| Expenditures: | |
| From no year appropriation (made and obligated) | 5,689.28 |
| From balance July 1, 1914, 1914 appropriation (made and obligated) | 13,783.49 |
| From appropriation fiscal year 1915 (made and obligated) | 42,200.00 |
| Total expenditures | 61,672.77 |
| Available balance July 1, 1915, no year appropriation | 3,567.71 |
| Available balance July 1, 1915, 1914 appropriation | None. |
| Available balance July 1, 1915, 1915 appropriation | None. |
| Total available balances July 1, 1915 | 3,567.71 |

ESTIMATES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1917.

For continuing the establishment of the park; compensation of civilian commissioners; engineer and clerk, labor, iron gun carriages, mounting of siege guns, memorials, monuments, markers, and historical tablets giving historical facts compiled without praise and without censure; maps, surveys, roads, bridges, restoration of earthworks, purchase of lands, purchase and transportation of supplies and materials; and other necessary expenses, $33,000.

For the construction of a Confederate naval monument to cost not to exceed $150,000, at the approved site and in accordance with the designs to be approved by the Secretary of War, $50,000.

Approximately and not including those for the proposed Confederate naval monument, estimated expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, are itemized as follows:

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| Salaries of commissioners | $10,800 |
| Salary of engineer and clerk | 2,400 |
| Pay of artisans, foremen, laborers, messenger, and teams | 14,000 |
| Office supplies and expenses | 250 |
| Cement, crushed stone, gravel, and sand | 1,300 |
| Lumber, hardware, paint, tools, and repairs | 650 |
| Memorial bronze portraits and granite pedestals | 3,600 |
| Total | 33,000 |

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE PARK JUNE 30, 1915.

Area, 1,324.27 acres; cost per acre, $47.29.

Miles of roadway, 31.86; cost per mile, exclusive of bridges, $12,923.05.

Number of bridges, 16; cost, $116,449.

Number of guns mounted, 128; 66 Union, 62 Confederate.

Number of tablets in place, 898 (897 by United States, 1 as a gift); 31 bronze, 867 iron (569 Union, 329 Confederate).

Number of iron guideboards in place, 122.

Number of memorials, monuments, and markers in place or under contract, 584 (3 Union-Confederate, 485 Union, 96 Confederate): 97 by United States (2 Union-Confederate, 58 Union, 37 Confederate), at a cost of $206,558.35; 428 by States (1 Union-Confederate—Missouri State memorial—403 Union, 24 Confederate); and 59 as gifts (24 Union, 35 Confederate), at a cost of $70,563.30.

Number of memorial bronze portraits of officers in place or under contract, 136 (85 Union, 51 Confederate): 8 statues, 51 busts, 77 reliefs; 97 by United States, 60 Union and 37 Confederate (4 statues at Union naval monument and included in its cost, 47 busts at a cost of $42,026.30, 46 reliefs at a cost of $20,091.05); 8 (reliefs) by States (Pennsylvania 5, Wisconsin 3); and 31 as gifts (4 statues, 4 busts, 23 reliefs), at a cost of $65,027.85 (17 Union, 14 Confederate).

Number of monuments and markers in place as gifts, 28 (7 Union, 21 Confederate); cost, $5,535.45.

Appropriations made from the first: By United States, $1,385,200; by 15 States, $872,931.

WM. T. RIGBY,
*Chairman of Commission.*

The SECRETARY OF WAR.